

REMARKS

In this Amendment, claims 1, 23, 29, 32-34, 37, 44-46, 49, 55 and 58-60 are amended, claims 8, 17, 21-22, 25, 28, 31, 35-36, 39, 43, 47-48, 52, 57 and 61-62 are canceled, and claims 63-74 are added, such that claims 1-7, 9-11, 16, 18-20, 23-24, 27, 29-30, 32-34, 37-38, 40, 44-46, 49-51, 54-55, 58-60 and 63-74 are pending in this application.

In this Office action and the previous Office action mailed June 1, 2005, the Examiner indicated claims 8, 21-22, 25, 35-36, 39, 47-48, 52 and 61-62 included allowable subject matter, but were dependent upon a rejected base claim. In this Amendment the objected to claims have been rewritten in independent form or amended to depend from an allowable claim such that all the pending claims stand in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of originally filed claim 1, objected to claim 21 and intervening claim 17. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable and claims 2-7, 9-11, 16 and 18-20 that depend therefrom are allowable as well. New claim 63 includes the subject matter of originally filed claim 1, objected to claim 8 and intervening claim 7. Therefore, claim 63 is allowable and claims 64-65 that depend therefrom are allowable as well. Further, new claim 65 includes the subject matter of objected to claim 22 and intervening claim 17.

Claim 23 has been amended to include the subject matter of originally filed claim 23, objected to claim 35 and intervening claim 31. Therefore, claim 23 is allowable and claims 24, 27, 29-30 and 32-34 that depend therefrom are allowable as well. New claim 66 includes the subject matter of originally filed claim 23 and objected to claim 25. Therefore, claim 66 is allowable and claims 67-68 that depend therefrom are allowable as well. Further, new claim 68 includes the subject matter of objected to claim 36 and intervening claim 31.

Claim 37 has been amended to include the subject matter of originally filed claim 37, objected to claim 47 and intervening claim 43. Therefore, claim 37 is allowable and claims 38, 40 and 44-46 that depend therefrom are allowable as well. New claim 69 includes the subject matter of originally filed claim 37 and objected to claim 39. Therefore, claim 69 is allowable and claims 70-71 that depend therefrom are allowable as well. Further, new claim 71 includes the subject matter of objected to claim 48 and intervening claim 43.

Claim 49 has been amended to include the subject matter of originally filed claim 49, objected to claim 61 and intervening claim 57. Therefore, claim 49 is allowable and claims 50-51, 54-55 and 58-60 that depend therefrom are allowable as well. New claim 72 includes the

subject matter of originally filed claim 49, objected to claim 52 and intervening claim 51. Therefore, claim 72 is allowable and claims 73-74 that depend therefrom are allowable as well. Further, new claim 74 includes the subject matter of objected to claim 62 and intervening claim 57.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue subject matter presented in at least independent claims 1, 23, 37 and 49 from the Amendment mailed on August 9, 2005 in a continuing application.

In view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, Applicant believes that the claims as filed are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance be issued for this case. Applicant kindly requests that the Examiner telephone the attorney of record in the event a telephone discussion would be helpful in advancing the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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